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[origin: WO9427667A1] This invention provides smooth delivery and accurate positioning of prostheses in the body. In embodiments, systems are provided that include elongate members (16) extending generally along the axis of a supporting catheter (4) to free ends (17). The elongate members (16) extend through openings (10) in the prosthesis (6) to maintain the position of the prosthesis (6) on the catheter (4). The prosthesis (6) can be released from the catheter (4) by relative axial motion of the catheter (4) and the elongate members (16) such that the free ends (17) are removed from the openings (10) in the prosthesis (6). In embodiments, the elongate members (16) hold the distal end of a self-expanding stent (6) at a desired axial location and in radial compaction as a restraining sheath (8) is withdrawn. The friction between the sheath (8) and the stent (6) puts the stent (6) under tension, which reduces the radial force on the sheath wall, allowing smoother retraction. Proximal portions of the stent radially expand and axially shorten.

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